

## SYNDICATE OFFER PLEASES HARMON.

Favors the Plan Proposed by Union Pacific Committee.

WILL SOON MAKE IT PUBLIC

The Attorney-General Conferred with the Reorganizers Yesterday.

THEIR PROFIT TO BE \$3,500,000.

Government Directors Meet in New York To-day and Will Probably Add Their Approval to the Plan.

Attorney-General Harmon has ended the conference with reference to the Union Pacific Railroad which brought him to New York, and yesterday he returned to Washington. In a short time he will announce officially the details of the plan agreed upon for the reorganization of the system, as already outlined exclusively in the Journal.

The Attorney-General was at the office of ex-Governor Hoadly, Government counsel for the Union Pacific Railroad, at No. 22 William street, all yesterday morning. He went over the whole plan with the Government's counsel, and also conferred with the members of the Reorganization Committee. Immediately upon his departure yesterday afternoon ex-Governor Hoadly, said:

"The Attorney-General will make the plan agreed upon public in a few days. As he will give it out, himself, in Washington, it would be manifestly improper for me to discuss its contents."

It is stated by those in a position to know that the Attorney-General is in favor of the acceptance by the Government of the offer made by the Reorganization Committee. This offer, as the Journal has disclosed, is to pay \$45,000,000 above all prior liens.

A meeting of the Government directors of the road will be held at 11 o'clock this morning in the office of the receivers of the system at No. 27 William street. The directors are E. Ellery Anderson, of New York; J. W. Doane, of Chicago; William J. Coombs, of Brooklyn; John Snowden, of Mount Savage, Md., and J. N. H. Patrick, of Omaha. All of the directors are expected to be present at the meeting, and it is also believed that they will endorse the acceptance by the Government of the offer of the reorganization syndicate.

The syndicate behind the Reorganization Committee is probably the largest ever formed in Wall Street, and includes nearly every financier of prominence there. The first ten per cent of the subscriptions has been called. The members of the syndicate



FREDERICK BIDDLE, WHO CAUGHT A FIREBUG.

HE captured Adolph J. Meyer in the act of setting fire to the tenement house at No. 108 East One Hundred and Thirteenth street, and turned him over to the police, and was then arrested and locked up in the House of Detention as a witness, because he did not have any friends rich enough to furnish \$500 bail for him. Biddle will in all probability be restored to liberty to-day.

Whether he will or not rests with District-Attorney Olcott. Assistant District-Attorney Vernon M. Davis, who has charge of all the firebug trials, was the person who ordered Biddle's arrest. He did so, he says, because he heard Biddle intended taking a trip to Texas for his health. "He was too important a witness," said Mr. Davis, "to take any chances with, and while I had no reason to believe that he would not return for the trial, I did not want to take the responsibility of allowing him to go. To-day, however, I have received a letter from Biddle's pastor guaranteeing his presence whenever wanted, and I will submit this to Mr. Olcott and advise that Biddle be released."

will ultimately have to put up the cash for the full amount of their subscriptions. The syndicate counts on making a profit of 7 per cent on the total amount of subscriptions. The sum subscribed will be between \$45,000,000 and \$50,000,000. The syndicate's profit will therefore be something like \$3,500,000.

### RAIDING RAILROAD STATIONS

Thieves Very Busy Along the Erie from Belleville North.

Thieves have been operating extensively along the Erie Railroad from Belleville, N. J., north. Within the past few weeks they

have visited the railroad stations, ransacking the ticket offices and stealing whatever money may be within reach.

The Essex station just above Belleville was entered yesterday morning, and though nothing of great value was stolen, the place was turned topsy-turvy and property scattered all over the floor.

## SPARK OF HOPE FOR ALLEGED FIREBUG.

People's Witnesses Against Klein Hurt the Prosecution.

ROTHMAN FLATTENS OUT.

Declares That Warden Sage, Mr. Miles and Marshal Freil Influenced Him.

MEDOLE'S DAMAGING TESTIMONY.

Fireman Says the Blaze Was Not Made with Oil—Defence Opens Strong—Hirschkopf Sent Back?

Jacob Klein is still fighting for liberty, and virtually for life itself, before Judge Hurd, in the Kings County Court, Brooklyn, in his third trial for the alleged crime of having procured an incendiary fire in his flat at No. 74 Johnson avenue, Brooklyn, on the night of June 30, 1894.

In his previous trials Klein has been acquitted, but until yesterday the aspect of the present trial was so black that it seemed as if a conviction was this time sure. When court adjourned yesterday his case had so brightened as to give strong indications of a third acquittal.

Louis Rothman was the first witness called for the prosecution. He is now serving a fifteen years' sentence at Sing Sing for incendiarism. Rothman is a despicable looking man. He is deemed so desperate that Detective Jackson was directed to take a seat immediately behind him while he was on the stand.

Rothman said he went to No. 74 Johnson street at the request of Adolph Hirschkopf, the arch-firebug, who is now serving a long sentence for his crimes. He said he went into the Klein flat, and in the middle room and parlor piled up the bedding and clothing and curtains from the different rooms. He arranged everything ready to be touched off, and then left Mrs. Silbermeister, another of the gang, who is serving a long penitentiary sentence, to set the actual fire. Before leaving he sprinkled the piles with kerosene oil.

### One Story Good Till—

The entire matter, he said, had been arranged between Hirschkopf and Klein; that he himself was present at conferences between the two. He was to get \$20 for his share in the job. Hirschkopf told him not to be afraid, as he had fixed the authorities.

The story was told glibly, but on cross-examination he was led to make numerous damaging contradictions. He admitted, too, that Assistant District Attorney Miles had visited him in Sing Sing, and that he had been threatened, and had also had hints of future benefits made to him. A sensation was caused when he said:

"The Warden told me that if I did not tell all I knew about the fire they would give me five years more for false swearing, and Mr. Miles told me that if I told the truth perhaps the Governor could be in-

duced to take five years off my present term."

He was also made to admit unwillingly that Fire Marshal Freil had, since he had been brought from Sing Sing, told him that if he would tell the truth his wife would be given \$300, while he himself would be given \$500, and that he had asked Klein to return some borrowed money; that Klein had said he could not just then, "but was going to have a fire in his place."

**State's Boomerang.**  
The last witness for the State was Samuel Medole, a fireman of twenty-four years experience, who was the first to reach the Klein rooms on the night of the fire.

He described under the clever cross-examination of Attorney Elder, counsel for Klein, the difference between fires caused by oil or similar inflammable materials and other fires, and stated emphatically that the Klein fire showed none of the symptoms that would infallibly have accompanied an oil fire. The rooms were so little burned that it was possible to self might be pardoned for not knowing whether or not things had been piled on the floors, and he said, emphatically, that they had not. There was none of the odor which would surely have accompanied the burning of oil-sprinkled cloth.

The District-Attorneys were frantic at this development, their own witness and savagely attacked him.

"I fully believe that the fire was of accidental origin and not incendiary," he cried as they excitedly bent calling on the Judge to rule his answers out.

Attorney Elder then formally asked for his client's discharge. The motions were overruled, and the attorney made a brief speech to the jury. He laid especial stress on the point that he will call no convicted or self-confessed firebugs and criminals. He said, too, he would show that the prosecution of Klein arose from a conspiracy. He said that it would be proven that at the very time when the prosecution's witnesses have testified, Klein was at Hirschkopf's home receiving the news of the fire he was really presiding at the meeting of a lodge.

Henry Cominsky, a pedler, who occupied two little rooms at one side of the garret of No. 61 Norfolk street at the time when Hirschkopf, who lived on a lower floor, had in that garret, according to witnesses who have already testified, a set of black hair-cutting machine, which he sold to Klein for \$15, and which was in Klein's house at the time of the fire, testified that there was no furniture there. The prosecution's baiting made him the most earnest, and his unexpected answers put the crowded court room into roars of laughter.

Q. What was there in that garret room? A. There was water on the floor, for the roof was old and leaked.

Q. But was there nothing else? A. Oh, yes; there was the wall that the rain leaked in.

Q. Yes, we know. But was there nothing else there? A. There were a few pictures there. A man who lived downstairs makes them, and if you want a good picture he will do it for \$1.

The smiles of the Judge and the laughter of the spectators greeted the prosecuting attorneys into savage prodding, and the pedler exclaimed:

"Don't be so cross mit me. You turn me from top to bottom, and from the bottom to the top."

When his evidence, which was so strong for the defendant, was over court was adjourned until to-day.

It is positively asserted that Hirschkopf was sent back to Dannemora Prison yesterday afternoon, and that he will therefore not be called as a witness. The officials refuse to admit or deny the report. It is thought that Schoenholz has also been taken back to prison. A convict, closely guarded and heavily ironed, whose face bore a striking resemblance to that of Schoenholz, was taken from the office of the District Attorney yesterday afternoon, and both he and his guards were evidently prepared for a journey.

### Matron Wyatt Puts Out a Fire.

Matron Wyatt, of the women's prison in the Third Precinct Station House, Jersey City, early yesterday morning discovered that crossed electric light wires had set fire to the woodwork near the cells. With the assistance of a policeman she extinguished the smoldering blaze. There was only one prisoner in the place, and as she was asleep no excitement was caused.

## MAY FIGHT THE PLAGUE WITH FIRE.

Native Quarter of Bombay to Be Swept Away by Flames.

AN OUTBREAK EXPECTED

Fanatics Regard the Scourge as a Visitation from the Goddess Bhownanee.

CORPSES BY THE GANGES.

Hundreds of Victims Lying on the Banks of the Sacred River—All Will Be Burned on the Ghats.

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 21.—Major Edward J. Turner, an English army officer stationed at Bombay, and now on his way to England on a furlough, gives a graphic description of the horrors of the plague now devastating Bombay and other cities of India.

"The natives are so wasted by starvation," said he, "that they have no power to resist the plague, but panic-stricken they fall a prey to the horrible death. In the outlying districts I found the bodies numerous in the roads. On the banks of the Ganges, where the ghats are all located, hundreds of bodies are lying waiting their turn to be burned."

"The ghats are small, raised burning piles made of stone. The victim is brought to the Ganges River, if possible before death, that he may die by the sacred stream; then when he dies his body is dipped in the stream, taken out and laid on the ghat, with a pile of wood under and above it, and is soon reduced to ashes, which are swept off into the river."

### Native Outbreak Expected.

"The natives look upon the plague as a scourge of their goddess Bhownanee, that cannot be helped, and will not tolerate any interference with their religious rites."

"I look for some outbreak, and do not expect to more than reach home before being summoned back to my post. The situation is becoming alarming. The proposition is being seriously considered of setting fire to the entire native quarter of the city, as well as the barracks of the native troops, in the hope of thereby burning out the contagion."

"I don't know what will be done, for the whole earth seems laden with the poison, and it is carried by rats and other vermin everywhere. Nothing except a furnace heat can purify the quarters where the plague has raged."

### Threatened Flood at Bound Brook.

The storm of Wednesday night raised the Raritan River to a higher point than it has reached in a long time, causing considerable anxiety among some of the residents in the lower part of Bound Brook, that was submerged about a year ago. In one part of the town the river overflowed its banks, but it receded in a short time.

# IN NEXT SUNDAY'S JOURNAL.

## THE HOLY BIBLE



Startling Revelations Concerning the BOOK OF GENESIS.



It Is Full of Errors and Mis-translations.



A New Light Upon the History of Creation.



Joseph's Coat of Many Colors a Gross Mistake.

Illuminated Pages of the Latest Translation in

Next Sunday's Journal.

## A NOBLEMAN'S CONFESSIONS.



He Came to America in Search of AN HEIRESS.



He Found Many.



His Forefathers for Two Centuries Were German Barons.

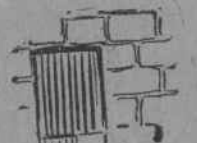


He Has Been in the Swim of New York Society for Two Weeks.

Read His Own Confessions in

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## ON THE TRAIL OF A FIEND.



He Has Been Killing Men for Two Years.



Compelled His Victims to DIG THEIR OWN GRAVES.



He Is Sailing for This Country, and Will Probably Arrive Within a Week.

A Thrilling Narrative in

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## THE YELLOW KID IN LONDON.



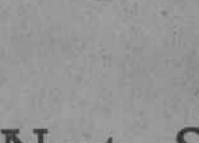
His Roil Nibs d' Prints



o' Wales Shows Him d' Sites.



He Gets an Invite to d' Pallis, Where Vicky Lives.



Oh, He's Grate! in

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These Are a Few Samples of What Next Sunday's Journal Will Contain.